















ADOPTING A FAMILY APPROACH

Case Study 2

The Watson Family

Paul Watson, age 17



It's all his fault, he just winds her up. Me and mum were fine before he came along. He does my head in. Just cause he's the others dad doesn't mean he's mine. I don't need him; I just wish he would leave, then me and mum would be much happier. He's the reason she kicks off. Sometimes he just winds me up so much. So what if I hit him? He's supposed to be a man, he can take it. That's what mum always said to me growing up.

Ben's alright, now he's a bit older. He doesn't cry so much, he just stays out of my way, but Grace, she starts crying as soon as she gets in from the childminders and doesn't stop till she goes back there.

That's the other thing "Martin" keeps saying, I've got to go to college or get a job, I can't sit around all day doing nothing. I don't see why; he will keep on paying for me and nan is always good for money, I just ask, and she gives nowadays.